

## REMARKS

Claims 17-31 were rejected on references. Claim 17 is now again amended. Claims 18-23 which are dependent on Claim 17 are submitted for reconsideration. Claims 24-31 are now cancelled.

The Examiner has argued that it would be obvious to change a dwell time as taught by Durrani in accordance with the automated procedure shown by Hutchinson. Claim 17 as now amended in sub-paragraph (f) provides that changes in dwell time are accomplished by manually controlling the electronic apparatus.

Hutchinson discloses an apparatus for automatically adjusting the dwell time in response to the observed eye action of the operator. His purpose is to automatically establish at a particular moment a dwell time that may be optimum for an operator who is physically or mentally handicapped. The changes in dwell time are not consciously selected by the operator.

According to the present invention as now more clearly defined in Claim 17 the operator makes **conscious selections** which are then accomplished by manually controlling the electronic apparatus. The operator is free to select a dwell time that proves to be too short, or a dwell time that is longer than necessary.

The present method provides the operator an opportunity to experiment with the speed of operation. The operator may wish to either provide extra thinking time above and beyond what would normally be necessary, or else to shorten the thinking time as an experimental educational exercise. The specification clearly points out that the operator may consciously select any dwell time ranging from essentially zero to two, three, or five or more seconds.

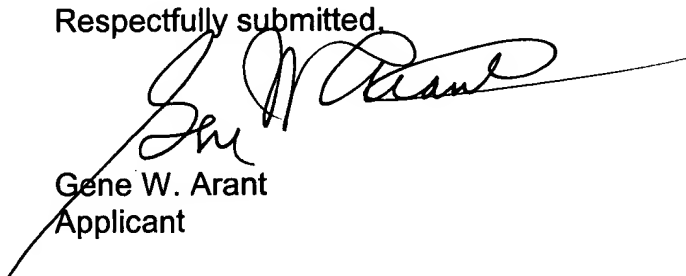
It is therefore apparent that, assuming it were appropriate to modify Durrani as suggested by Hutchinson, that would not provide the present invention. It would not

provide opportunity for the operator to consciously experiment with adjustments in the dwell time, which is perhaps the most significant feature of the present invention.

Favorable action is solicited.

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